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SUBJECT

D.O. correspondence from and to the District Magistrate of Bangalore, I.G.P. re: examination of certain officers before the Bangalore Disturbances Committee.

General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. 458 of 1928. 1106

Serial No.

From Sir M. Visvesvaraya
D.O. d. 18-9-28

Requests that —

(i) Heads of Depts may be allowed to give the bulk of their evidence in public and only that on delicate matters in Camera

(ii) a Car may be placed at their disposal of the Committee

To Sir M. Visvesvaraya
No. 1623 d. 18-9-28

Conveys approval to suggestion (i) and authorises the hiring of a Car for the use of the Committee.

To Heads of Depts & Ds Conrs
No. 1624-74 d. 18-9-28

Requests them to give the bulk of their evidence in public, only that on delicate matter being given in camera

Copies sent only to the following & not others: —
(1) Director P.W.
(2) D.G. of Posts
(3) D.C. Bangalore
(4) Chief Commissioner Coorg

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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18th Septr. 1928.

ISSUED.

1423/C.S.38-4

My dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge receipt of your D. O. letter of even date and to state as follows:-

1. Government approve of your suggestion that Heads of Departments may give the bulk of their evidence in public, only that on delicate matters being given in camera.

2. No Government car is available for being placed at the disposal of the Committee. There is no objection to a car being hired by the Committee and a bill of cost sent to Government for adjustment in due course.

Yours sincerely,

To

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Chairman, Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee,
B a n g a l o r e .

My dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge receipt of your D.O. letter of even date and to state as follows:

1. Govt. approve of your suggestion that Heads of Depts. may give the bulk of their evidence in public, only that on delicate matters being given in Camera.

2. No Government car is ~~are~~ available for being placed at the disposal of the Committee. There is no objection to a car being hired by the Committee and a bill of cost sent to Govt.

for adjustment in due course.

Yours Sincerely

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.
Chairman, Bengalee Disturbances
Inquiry Committee

CB 1106.

(28 Sept 28)

Uplands, High Ground,

Bangalore, 18th September 1928.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

There are two points on which I should like to be favoured with the views of the Government. They are:-

(1) It would probably be more satisfactory if the Heads of the Departments are allowed to give the bulk of their evidence in public and only that on delicate matters in camera.

(2) Would it be possible to place a Government car at the disposal of the Committee or may the Committee hire one? This will help in securing the timely attendance of witnesses. We have had to wait for witnesses in some cases.

Yours sincerely,

N. Madhava Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Bangalore.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

No. 1304-54/C. B. 38-28-158 Dated, Bangalore, 12th September 1928.

Official Witnesses

Issues instructions in regard to the giving of evidence by———before the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee.

Official Memorandum.

All official witnesses invited by the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee to give evidence are expected to give full and correct information concerning the disturbances. Government Officers examined by the Committee will also produce the documentary evidence in their possession. Any document required from officers who are not orally examined should be forwarded to the Committee on requisition.

By Order,
N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Secretaries to Government.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Official Memorandum.

No. 1424-74 / C.B.38-28-158 Dated Bangalore, the 18th September 1928.

In continuation of Official Memorandum No.1304-54/C.B.38-28-158 dated the 12th September 1928, issuing instructions in regard to the giving of evidence by official witnesses before the Bangalore Disturbances Inquiry Committee, Heads of Departments are requested to give the bulk of their evidence in public, only that on delicate matters being given in camera.

By order,

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Copies sent to the
(1) Police Officer
(2) Chief Censor
(3) Director of
(4) D.C. Bangalore

To

The Heads of Departments.

Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Secretaries to Government.

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Official Memorandum

ISSUED.

In continuation of

O. M. No 1304-54/C.B 38-28-158

dated the 12th September 1928,

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Bangalore Disturbances

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that on delicate matters

being given in camera.

~~with the permission of the~~

~~Committee~~

By order

Chief Secy: to Govt

To the Heads of Depts.

" Dy. Comrs. of Dts

" Secretaries to Govt

D. O

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.
BANGALORE DISTRICT,

Confidential.

Dated Bangalore, the 12th September 1928.

CB 1041

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I request you to kindly obtain orders of Government directing the officer watching the proceedings on behalf of Government before the Bangalore Disturbances Committee to send copies of statements made regarding the action taken by the Magistracy and Police to the Inspector General of Police and myself, so that we may explain matters when we may are examined.

I would also suggest that the examination of certain officers like the Inspector General of Police, Chief Commandant, Director of Public Instruction and myself may be in camera as I am afraid questions may be asked regarding our conversations with the Members of Government.

I request the favour of an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

B Rebellikar

Rec'd 12/9/28
8-15 A.M.

12-9-28

I.O/1403/28.

Confidential.

9.14.9.28

Dear Mr. Heblikar,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential D.O. letter dated 12th Septr. 1928 and to state that the Government are arranging to obtain copies of evidence recorded by the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee. If it is found necessary to bring to your notice ~~and~~ or that of the Inspector General of Police any portions of the evidence, necessary extracts will be forwarded ~~to you~~ from this office.

Subs for approval.
(This has also been shown to Mr Dewar)

In the second paragraph of your letter you state that certain officers should be examined in camera, as you are afraid that questions may be asked regarding conversations with the Members of Govt Arrangements have already been made with the Committee to take down your evidence and that of the other officers mentioned by you in camera. It is not, however, understood why you should be afraid of questions regarding your conversations with the Members of Govt. If the conversations were merely of a general character, there should be no need to refer to them at all. If, on the other hand, any instructions were given in the course of the conversation on matters requiring orders of Govt., ~~these~~ such instructions would have

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been, as a rule, confirmed in writing. In either case, there can be no difficulty or delay in the matter

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

G.B.Heblikar, Esqr., B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy-Commissioner, Bangalore.

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Copy to the Inspector Genl. of Police.

Chief Secretary.

CONFIDENTIAL.

No: 1403/CB

14th September 1928

Dear Mr.Heblikar,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential D. O. letter dated 12th September 1928 and to state that the Government are arranging to obtain copies of evidence recorded by the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee. If it is found necessary to bring to your notice or that of the Inspector General of Police any portions of the evidence, necessary extracts will be forwarded from this office.

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Yours sincerely,

To

G. B. Heblikar Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

No.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with compliments,
to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

By order,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

ISSUED.

14057 C. S.

15th September 1928.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request that, if the Chairman sees no objection, Government may be furnished with one set of typed copies of the evidence given before the Committee from day to day. These copies will be regarded as provisional and printed copies, when received, will be substituted therefor

In this connection, I am also to inquire if the arrangements made for printing the evidence are satisfactory or whether any further facilities are required in this respect

Yours sincerely,

To

C. Noronha, Esqr., M.A.,
Secretary, Bangalore Inquiry Committee,
Bangalore.

C.316/28

Immediate &
Confidential

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

~~GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.~~

Bangalore, 14th September 1928

Dear Mr.Madhava Rao,

From the information that has reached me about the examination of the officers of the Police Depart-ment by the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee it seems to me that our officers are placed under a very great disadvantage. Except a brief precis of the evidence which they shall have submitted in advance they have no opportunity of placing their views on material matters connected with the events. At any rate, they are subjected only to cross examination by every body but they are not in a position to supplement the answers by explanations which would ordinarily be elicited in a reexamination. The responsibility of the officers for their action or inaction during the disturbances is great but even apart from that the reputation of the Mysore Police Department - whatever its shortcomings - is liable to be seriously prejudiced both in and outside the State as the proceedings of the Committee are published in extenso both in the Vernacular and English press throughout India. The officers in Bangalore are persons who have risen from the lower ranks of the department and they can not sometimes -

understand the full or correct significance of the terms used in the questions. I would therefore recommend that a copy of the proceedings in so far as the Police Officers are concerned or at least a copy of the statements made by those officers may be furnished to the Deputy Commissioner and myself so that we might suggest to the Government Advocate who, I understand, is watching the case on brhalf of Government. supplementary questions which might enable the witnesses to offer explanations, if they have any. I think it is very necessary to adopt some such procedure if the responsibility of the department is to be gauged correctly by the Committee.

Yours sincerely

To

N.Madhava Rao,Esq.,B.A.,B.L.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

B a n g a l o r e

Seen.
15/11
There is some force in this.
Necessary papers may be supplied.
OBJ 15/11.

PC
Put up on reply
receipt of
for Mr Nanavati
15/11

D. O. No. C 136

C. E. NORONHA, ESQ., M.A.,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
BANGALORE DISTURBANCES INQUIRY COMMITTEE,

Bangalore, dated 18th Sept. 1928.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D. O. No. 1405/C.B. dated 15th September 1928, I am desired to inform you that as requested, a typed copy of the evidence recorded from day to day will be sent for the information of Government as soon as it is ready. Printed copies will likewise be sent when ready.

With regard to the arrangements for printing the evidence, I am to state that the Superintendent, Govt. Printing Press, has promised to do the printing as expeditiously as possible after the typed copy is sent to him. It is understood from Mr. C. K. Venkataramaiah that the services of Mr. G. Ramachandra Rao have also been lent to help him in seeing the matter through the Press. For the present, therefore, no further facilities are necessary.

The Chairman feels obliged to you for making this enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

CKS/

1485/C.B.3r-28

19th Septr. 1928

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Hiriannaiya,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential D.O. letter ~~xxxxx~~ No.C.316/28 dated 14th September 1928 and to state that the Government are arranging to obtain copies of evidence recorded by the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee. If it is found necessary to bring to your notice or that of the District Magistrate of Bangalore, any portions of the evidence, necessary extracts will be forwarded from this office.

Yours sincerely,

To

S. Hiriannaiya, Esqr., M.A., B.L.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

D. O. No. C. C. 417/28-29.
Encl. One.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
BANGALORE DISTRICT,

Dated Bangalore, the...22nd Septr.....192 8.

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I enclose herein for the information of Government a copy of the abstract of evidence to be given by me before the Bangalore Disturbances Enquiry Committee.

Yours sincerely,

H. Whitehead

Sahib
27/9
Home Member
Legal Member
Dewan

An abstract of the evidence of Mr.G.B. Heblikar, Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, regarding the Bangalore Disturbances in the last week of July 1928.

On the morning of the 24th July 1928, the Assistant Superintendent of Police came and reported to me that H.V. Subrahmanyam had gone to the Sultanpet Middle School the previous evening and asked the boys to go on strike on account of the refusal of the Director of Public Instruction to grant permission to instal the Ganapathi idol in the niche specially made for it in the compound of the institution. I gave him verbal instructions to depute an Inspector, a Sergeant and some Constables to keep order at the School and to see that the students behaved in an orderly manner.

On the 25th morning I received his report stating that some students of the Sultanpet Middle School had gone on strike and that a few paraded through the streets of the City, but had committed no disturbance.

On the 26th, I received another report from the Assistant Superintendent of Police stating that the strike continued on the 25th also and that the boys had behaved in a disorderly manner in some institutions. The same night, the Assistant Superintendent of Police reported to me in person that the boys had committed some acts of rowdyism that day and opined that some of them should be booked. The next day (27th) I passed an order directing criminal proceedings against the boys and their leaders and told the Assistant Superintendent of Police to considerably augment the Police staff in that locality and after breakfast proceeded to Channapatna where I had an engagement with the Chief Electrical Engineer. I returned the same night. On my arrival, the Assistant Superintendent of Police came to my house at about 10 P.M. and told me that the strikers were offering Satyagraha in front of the Sultanpet School.

I proceeded to the spot at once and found 2 Inspectors, 2 Sub Inspectors and some Policemen and about 20-25 boys and a few spectators. I talked to the boys. They said that they would go away as soon as the idol was installed in the niche built for it. I drove through the boys sitting there. I told the Assistant Superintendent of Police that instead of prosecuting the strikers who were students of tender age, proceedings should be instituted under Section 107 Criminal Procedure Code against H.V. Subrahmanya Ramalal Thivari and J. Bhima Rao who had set up the boys. Till the 27th evening the boys had committed ~~ak~~ mischief ~~only~~ elsewhere and not in the vicinity of the Sultanpet School

On the 28th morning I told the Assistant Superintendent of Police to file prosecution reports that day alone in the City Magistrate's Court and went to Channapatna in connection with the Dewan's visit to that place. I returned the same night bringing the District Superintendent of Police with me. The Assistant Superintendent of Police saw me later and told me that the City Magistrate had issued warrants against the 3 persons, that the strikers had got into the School compound and were sitting there by turns in small batches.

On Sunday the 29th, H.V. Subrahmanyam and J. Bhima Rao were arrested early in the morning and the 3rd accused in the afternoon. As crowds began to collect in front of the Chamarajpet Police Station where the first 2 accused were confined, I made arrangements to transfer all the three to the Central Jail. That afternoon after the idol was installed in the niche, Mr. Shankaranarayana Rao came to me and suggested that the accused might be released and the prosecution dropped. I informed him that the City Magistrate would release the accused on their giving security or even executing their own recognisances and that I would consider the question of dropping further proceedings if the accused promised to express regret for their past conduct and to give an undertaking for future. He returned with a

a draft letter purporting to come from the accused, which did not contain an expression of regret.

On the 30th morning, the Assistant Superintendent of Police showed me a printed notice which was circulated among the boys asking them to strike for the release of their leaders. I asked him to call in all available Policemen. He told me that he had taken the necessary steps to meet the emergency of a general strike. By 10 A.M. he had arranged to muster all the day duty and half the night duty men at the various stations and out-posts to disperse boys in their respective jurisdictions. He had also indented upon all the available Special Reserve (about 50 men) and kept them ready.

The same morning the Inspector-General of Police and myself met Mr. Shankaranarayana Rao, who said that he would again speak to the accused and try to induce them to express regret. He came back and showed another draft letter which also contained no expression of regret. The idea of withdrawing criminal proceedings was therefore dropped. It was about 11.15 or 11.20 A.M. by that time

After breakfast I went to the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police to find out how matters stood. He had visited several schools by that time, dispersed the strikers and returned to his office to phone and obtain information from all other stations. As I learnt that a crowd of boys had gone towards the Central Jail I asked the Assistant Superintendent of Police to send a detachment of 12 Special Reserve men there, took him in my car and proceeded to the Jail from whence the boys had already gone away. We went to the "Carlton House" where I found the Dewan speaking to a crowd of about 300 to 400 boys. As the number was swelling very fast, the Assistant Superintendent of Police phoned to his office to send more men. As the whole police force was engaged in dispersing crowds, the bulk of the students were on strike and the boys had by that time begun to commit mischief, to drive out or arrest them with the Special Reserve men (still on their way) was an impossible task. I phoned

phoned therefore to the Chief Commandant to send the Lancers to help me in dispersing the crowds and keeping order. As the Lancers did not arrive even after the lapse of some time, I sent the Assistant Superintendent of Police to speak to Col. Landon and ask him to despatch the Lancers as early as possible. Soon afterwards, the 3rd Member of Council, the Chief Secretary, the Inspector-General of Police, District Superintendent of Police and some other officers also came there. Before the Lancers came the Dewan had left "Carlton House". Stones were thrown at his car with the result that the glass panes were broken. But nobody was hurt. On their arrival, under my orders, the Lancers drove the crowd from the "Carlton House". I then went to the Public Offices where another crowd of boys had collected and was dispersed by a contingent of the Lancers. I saw some of the injured persons being removed to the Hospital.

After this, things moved very rapidly and I had to keep going from one storm centre to another as there were reports of disturbances of varying magnitude and complaints of excesses on the part of the crowds and the Lancers at the Kantaraj Urs Circle, Sri Krishnarajendra Circle, Yelahanka Gate Police Station and the Central Jail. While I was thus moving up and down a deputation waited on the Dewan at the Secretariat and the City Magistrate was sent for. It appears that the City Magistrate could not be found. So my Personal Assistant Mr. Thammaji Rao was sent in search of him. In the meanwhile I had gone to the Carlton House where I was told a crowd of Mahomedans was collecting. On my way back I met at the stairs Mr.B.K. Garudachar who said that the accused had already been released and had gone away. I carried the news to the Council Chamber where the Dewan and a large number of people were waiting with bail bonds already executed by certain persons as sureties in order to secure the release of the accused. Mr. Garudachar and others had, it appears, taken the City Magistrate to the Jail, executed the bail bonds and secured the release of the accused.

Mr. Garudachar also said that the accused had undertaken not to go to Sultanpet and that they had actually gone towards the Dharmambudi tank. After this, the meeting broke up and the Inspector-General of Police and myself spent a little more time in discussing with other officers further arrangements to be made for the night.

The Inspector-General of Police, Major Krishne Urs, Mr. Thammaji Rao and myself then went to the "Carlton House", left instructions as to the arrangements needed there and picked up the District Superintendent of Police to go to the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police to make Police and Military arrangements for the night. Within a few minutes of our going there, a Police Officer said that he was just told that rioting and firing was going on in front of Mr. Abbas Khan's house. I asked the District Superintendent of Police and Assistant Superin--tendent of Police to proceed to the spot at once. I made enquiries as to whether any men were available and on learning that none were available and all the men were away on duty Inspector Krishnamurthi was sent to the Reserve Police Lines to get all the men who may chance to be there with their guns and ammunition. Then the Inspector-General of Police, Major Krishne Urs, Mr. Thammaji Rao and myself proceeded to the spot through Seegebeli leaving our car on the Mysore Road. After we got out of the car we met Messrs. M. Srinivasa Rao, S.K. Narasimhiah and several others who disuaded us from going there as they said that there was firing from Mr. Abbas Khan's house and that a huge Mahammadan crowd armed with lathis was attacking the Hindus. We however proceeded towards the school. Major Krishne Urs and myself preceded Messrs. Hiriannaiya and Thammaji Rao and at the Police Road Square found a large crowd of Mahammadans armed with lathis, several of whom were drunk and all excited. As we came near the Square, we saw some Sowars coming from the opposite direction and met the District Superintendent of Police. I asked him to say

stay at the place where the Mahammadans had collected and to prevent them from going towards the school. The appearance of the Lancers went a great way towards thinning the crowd of the rioters armed with lathis. Near the Square I tried to disperse the crowd and then moved on. As I heard that Mr. Abbas Khan was inside his house and the Inspector-General of Police and I sent for him. After a lapse of some time, Mr. Abbas Khan came out. Mr. Hiriannaiya and Mr. Abbas Khan went towards the garage of the house and sat down on a stone pial. Somebody said that Mr. Abbas Khan's son was injured and was lying in a precarious condition. I went into the house and saw him. Then I went to the Muslim Hall side where a crowd was creating a great din by beating the road with lathis and throwing stones at zinc sheet and stabb doors. I asked Mr. Narasimha Iyengar (Assistant Superintendent of Police) to remain there and with the kaimp help of the Lancers keep back the Hindu crowd beyond the Muslim Hall and to prevent the Mahammadans from coming out of the Musjid Lane. I sent some Sowars from the Muslim Hall side to help Mr. Sirajuddin to drive the Muslim crowd into the Police Road and other lanes. The Muslims were pushed back with much difficulty with the help of the Sowars towards the Ranasingpet (Police Road).

I again went to the Muslim Hall side and returned. I did not see Mr. Hiriannaiya anywhere. Somebody told me that he had gone away. I stayed on till about 10 or 10.30 P.M. until the whole road was cleared and all the crowd in the vicinity dispersed. From the time I arrived on the spot till I left I made some enquiries on the spot and tried to verify the information then given. Such improbable stories were told by some persons, who professed to be eye witnesses that I thought that I would not be justified in taking any action on them. After stationing Lancers and Policemen for the night there I came to the Market Square, where I learnt that Mr. Hiriannaiya had been hurt. Leaving word that I would come back again, Mr. Thammaji Rao and I went and saw

saw Mr. Hiriannaiya. I picked up the City Magistrate and went ~~and~~ saw again to the Sultanpet School. By then things were quiet and the crowds had dispersed. After assuring myself that the necessary precautions had been taken for the night, I went to the Market Station and thence to the Victoria Hospital where I made careful enquiries of the Medical officers as to whether there were any gun shot wounds. I saw the Police Inspector Krishna Iyengar and Sub Inspector Seshadri who were injured and unconscious. While I was still in the Hospital, I heard that a crowd of people were advancing from the Cantonment side with lathis. I at once went to the Market Square. With the help of the Military, the C. & M. Station crowd was driven back towards the Narasimharaja Square without being permitted to come into contact with the City population. I then arranged for extra pickets and patrols. After seeing that the Military had their food and having asked the City Magistrate in the Market Police Station to be available if necessary during the small hours of the morning, I went to the 2nd Member of Council as he had asked me to look him up and report the situation on my way home. I phoned to Col. Landon to meet me early morning at the Market Square and to place at my disposal all available men that day. I returned home at about 2 A.M.

Early in the morning I got phone messages from all stations that the rest of the night had passed off quietly, met Col. Landon at the Market Square, settled the programme for the day and visited the Sultanpet Middle School with Col. Landon, Mr. R. Ranga Rao and Major Krishna Urs. Then I went to the Dewan to submit my report on the situation in person.

On the 31st July the whole City was in a panic and almost all the shops remained closed during the day, as there were persistent rumours that a large number of men from Cantonment side would come into the City. I passed an order under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code prohibiting meetings and the carrying of lathis etc.

I also issued printed notices advising people to confine themselves to their places of business and houses and to abstain from loitering in the streets and forming crowds and ordered that all toddy and arrack shops should be closed. Mr. Sirajuddin was placed in charge of the Police arrangements for the Muslim quarters with Mr. Nanjundaiya, First Class Magistrate, and a number of Policemen and Military men to help him in his work. He was also instructed to visit all Talimkhanas and Garadis and to warn the Pailwans against making trouble. The Assistant Superintendent of Police and the City Magistrate were placed in charge of the rest of the City. I also went round the City. In the Mill area I heard that the Mill hands had refused to go to work on the pretext that if they went to work Mussalmans would attack their unguarded houses. The Mussalmans on the other hand said that the Mill hands were waiting for an opportunity to attack them. I sent for Mr. Ramachandra Rao Scindia and took him to the Mill area and satisfied myself that the Mill hands were really keeping indoors out of fear and not with a motive to molest the Mahammadans. I then visited some Garadis and spoke to the proprietors and warned them. In the meanwhile the District Superintendent of Police, Assistant Superintendent of Police and Magistrates were persuading the merchants to open their shops but without much use. As the day wore on, the tense feeling increased. I went to the Secretariat and took the Chief Secretary and went to the office of the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident. As he was not there we saw the C. & M. Station District Magistrate and requested him to close all the arrack and toddy shops in the Cantonment also and see that the Cantonment Mahammadans did not get into the City. He promised to do everything we asked him to do. I then returned to the City and the Chief Secretary went back again to see the Commissioner of Police. Inspite of our precautions, batches of Mahammadans kept on dribbling into the City and there was a large crowd near the Market Square. By about 5 P.M. armoured cars

ars came from Can...ment. They were sent round all over the ity and extensions with a Magistrate in each car in order to llay the panic and to infuse confidence in the people. On their ppearance the crowds from the Cantonment melted away and by o'clock the City looked like a city of the dead. I arranged or bus and cycle patrols for the night and returned home at bout midnight. Practically from the morning till I returned ome I was moving amongst the reassuring the people.

The next morning (1st August) I went to the Market Police tation, received all reports, arranged for patrol day and night, went and saw that the shops were opened. The whole day I was out and moving. That evening also armoured cars were requisitioned and used till midnight to restore confidence in the minds of the people.

The same day I stopped the publication of 1 Urdu and 3 Kannada newspapers under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code as they were publishing articles calculated to foment communal tension and exaggerated accounts of the happenings. The English newspaper "Evening Mail" was also stopped on the 2nd August 1928 for the same reasons. I withdrew my order in the case of "Al-Kalam" on the 13th and in the case of the remaining papers on the 17th August 1928.

The arrangements of the 1st were repeated on successive days on a gradually diminishing scale until 4th August when the Military were wholly withdrawn. About 80 Policemen from Taluks were also detailed for duty in the City in addition to the officers and men of the Police Training School. During this period reports of stray assaults were received now and then and they were taken up by the Police for investigation. As in almost all these cases the complainants declared their inability to identify the assailants or give a clue as to their identity, nothing could be done by the Police in these cases.

On the 31st July, Mr. Thammaji Rao, my Personal Assistant, was appointed Special Magistrate to conduct investigation of the case, but his appointment was cancelled and on the 4th August Mr. Machia was appointed in his place as Additional District Magistrate. The first information report submitted to me by the Assistant Superintendent of Police was transferred under Section 159 Criminal Procedure Code first to Mr. Thammaji Rao and then to Mr. Machia.

Sd. G.B. Heblikar,

21st September 1928. Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

"Copy"

G.B. Heblikar

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.